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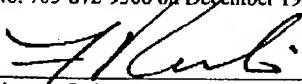
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on November 29, 2003. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee for extending the time for reply to December 29, 2003. Accordingly, the present amendment is believed to have been timely filed.

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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following
Amendments and Remarks.